

Harpswell Community Garden is glad to continue operations during the COVID-19 period, offering space to connect with the land and with each other (from 6 feet away). We want to remain open, and we want our gardeners to feel safe from exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Please follow these guidelines.

MOST IMPORTANT: IF YOU FEEL AT ALL SICK OR THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO OR HAVE COVID-19, STAY HOME.

Send a friend or fellow gardener to water your plot if you need to. Email or phone us (contact person) if you don't have someone to help. It is essential to keep this virus out of the garden.

FACE MASKS

It's a requirement to wear a mask anywhere on Mitchell Field property. Also, we recommend them. Even outside. Even in the heat. Wearing masks is one of the top ways to reduce the spread, such as to a person in the next plot or that person getting water after you.

Masks need to fully cover noses and mouths at all times. We strongly urge CDC-approved mask styles. Masks made of mesh or loose knit fabric do not protect against virus spread.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE INCLUDING:

- Stay 6 feet from others
- One person in the shed at a time
- Young children should stay in their garden plot or with an adult

Please be efficient when you are using shared spaces. When you need to be in a shared space, grab what you need and move out of the way if others might need that space.

If you take a seat in the pergola, please sit at an edge, so that there is room for another person to take some shade at least 6 feet away.

TOOLS

We recommend bringing tools - including watering cans - from home, if you can. If you need to use shared tools or equipment, please follow these guidelines:

- Wash or hand sanitize your hands before touching the tools. Gloves help here.
- Don't touch your face while using the tool (and until you remove your glove and wash/sanitize your hands).
- One at a time in the shed, putting away and retrieving tools.

HAND WASHING

We have a hand washing station at the water storage tanks. Our garden is organic, and the soap we provide is safe for organic garden areas. Please wash your hands frequently, especially before and after touching spigots, any shared tools or equipment, etc.

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds (you know, happy birthday song x 2)

We will not have paper towels at the garden, so bring a rag or towel, or plan to air dry or wipe your hands on the inside of your shirt.

Other recommendations (optional): carry hand sanitizer or a personal hand washing station (a container from home with very soapy water and a washcloth or nailbrush inside makes hand washing very easy anywhere you are).

GLOVES

Gloves do not replace proper hand sanitation procedures. The outside of your glove can transmit diseases from one surface to another, including transmitting the disease to yourself and others.

It is a good idea to wear gloves while in the garden, but they do not replace sanitation.